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## PSK 31 Demo at September Meeting

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### *Note from your editor:*

*After suffering with a crash of my hard drive in August, I am in the process of reformatting the newsletter.*

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### **From the President:**

It is time to begin thinking about elections for club officers for 2003. I have appointed an election committee composed of Ron Boothe (KE6PUG), Chuck Freas (W6FT), and Kay Hankins (KF6IZU). Please consider serving in one of the club offices for next year, and contact one of the committee members. The nominating committee will present its report at the October meeting and elections will be conducted at the November meeting. The officers meet once each month on the fourth Tuesday.

There are several events in the next month in which RCARCS will be participating. See the story on each that follows in this newsletter. September 7 - Public Information Table at Sunrise Mall. September 21 - Swap meet at Sutter Middle School. October 5 - Prevention 2002 in Old Sacramento.

Your help at one or more of these events for a few hours would surely be appreciated.

Dale Hankins, AD6CT, President

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### **Sunrise Mall on September 7, 2002**

We are looking for additional help to man our public information table on Saturday, September 7, 2002 between 10:00 am and 9:00 pm at Sunrise Mall. Our venue will be located near Macy's Department Store. Setup will be at 9:00 am.

We will be showing ham related videos, handing out literature, answering questions, operating on 2M, and generally having a good time in the promotion of ham radio to the general public.

Our thanks to Ann (AD6UY) and Frank (N6SNO) who have provided us with literature from the ARRL.

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### **Prevention 2002, Oct. 5**

We will be located in Old Sacramento between 10:00 am and 4:00 pm operating as W6P - special event station. We will be running HF, 2M & 70C simplex, packet radio, PSK 31, and staffing a public information table. The California QSO Party is this same weekend so we should have lots of HF contact opportunities. City RACES will also have a short, special drill in the morning. Plan on coming by and operating for a while.

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## Swap Meet

Sponsored by River City ARCS

Saturday

September 21, 2002

7:00 am to 11:00 am

Sutter Middle School

3150 "I" Street, Sacramento

(Alhambra Blvd. & "I" St.)

Sellers: \$10.00 each

Drawing Tickets: \$1.00 or 6 for \$5.00

(Drawings at 8:00 am, 9:00 am, and 10:00 am)

Coffee, Donuts & Sodas Available

Questions? Contact Dale, AD6CT, @ (916) 925-1062 or [ad6ct@arrl.net](mailto:ad6ct@arrl.net)

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## CLUB INFORMATION:

DUES: \$20.00 Annually beginning January 1<sup>st</sup>

CLASSES: Class schedules, tests to license or upgrade, and general information are available by calling the RCARCS Hot Line at (916) 492-6115.

MEETINGS: Club meetings are held on the first Tuesday of each month, 7:30 pm, at the Society for the Blind, 2750 24<sup>th</sup> Street, Sacramento. Board of Directors meetings are held the fourth Tuesday at 7:00 pm.

CLUB PHONE: (916) 492-6115.

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My apology to club members celebrating birthdays in September. I'll include you next month when I hope to recover the rest of my newsletter formatting.

Editor

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## VE SESSION RESULTS:

Ken Hall reported that one candidate successfully passed the Technician exam Aug. 17.

Larry Hodge reported one candidate passed Technician, one candidate passed Tech, Gen, and Code, and one candidate was "grand fathered" into General.

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Membership applications can be either downloaded from the club web site or by contacting our membership chairperson, Ann (AD6UY).

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Dr. Alfred Differ from JPAEROSPACE explains how ham radio has been integrated into the amateur rocket program at the August club meeting. Control signals are sent to their rockets via 2M packet radio and launch vehicles are located using the APRS protocol. More information can be obtained about Dr. Differ's program at [www.jpaaerospace.com](http://www.jpaaerospace.com).

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